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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 7027

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: JA, MY

SUBJECT: TRIAL OF RED ARMY TERRORIST

REF: STATE 295561

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY MUST BE CAUTIONED THAT AT THE TIME OF THE ACTUAL ATTACK CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE SITUATION WITHOUT REGARD TO FUTURE USE IN PROSECUTION OF THE PERPETRATORS. THEREFORE, CHAIN OF CUSTODY AND PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE WERE NOT ALWAYS FOLLOWED OR CONSIDERED.

2. L. RICHARD JACKSON WAS THE INDIVIDUAL PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR TAPING OF THE CONVERSATION WITH OCCASIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM WHOEVER HAPPENED TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME.

3. DICK JACKSON BECAME MEDIATOR INITIALLY PURELY BY CHANCE SINCE OTHER OFFICERS WERE BUSY IN OTHER DUTIES AT THE TIME. ORIGINALLY THE RSO TALKED TO THE TERRORIST BUT LEFT TO SECURE THE EMBASSY. ALPHONSE F. LA PORTA TOOK OVER FOR WHILE BUT HAD TO STOP TO TAKE UP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO WASHINGTON. THE PHONE WAS THEN TAKEN OVER BY JACKSON WHO CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE ATTACK.

4. THE TELEPHONE WAS LOCATED ON THE TELEPHONE OPERATOR'S DESK AT THE ELEVENTH FLOOR ENTRANCE TO THE EMBASSY. THE TAPE RECORDER WAS A SONY TC-100A AND TDK 60-MINUTES CASSETTES.

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5. THE METHOD OF RECORDING WAS VIA A SUCTION CUP
INDUCTION COIL. TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WERE MANY AND
NUMEROUS SUCH AS SECTION CUP FALLING OFF, TAPE RUNNING
OUT, THE RECORDER NOT ACTUALLY RECORDING BECAUSE OF IMPROPER
ACTIVATION, INADVERTENT ERASURE WHILE ATTEMPTING TO
PLAY BACK CONVERSATION AND BATTERIES GOING BAD.

6. TAPES WERE STORED IN SAFE CABINETS FOR THE PERIOD
FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT.

7. POST CAN VERIFY THAT THE TAPES ARE UNALTERED
AND COMPLETE AS FAR AS THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED TECHNICAL
DIFFICULTIES WOULD ALLOW.
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